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Sir:

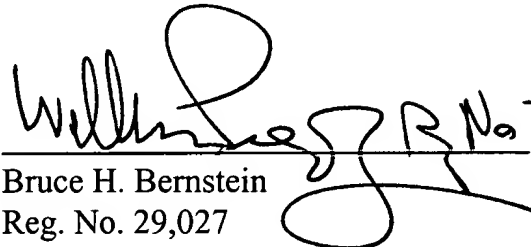
Applicant incorrectly listed Japanese Patent No. HEI-8-154811 on the PTO-1449 Form filed on March 17, 2000, with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, a copy of the correct Japanese patent, Japanese Laid-open Patent HEI-9-154811, was submitted and listed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to correct the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form, to initial the same and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next Official Communication in the present application to confirm consideration of the proper document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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